हिन्दुस्तान कापर लिमिटेड

1914 श्री कैलाश नारायण सारंग : क्या खान मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि हिन्दुस्तान कापर लिमिटेड ने मलंजखंड कापर माइन्स के विस्तार और एक नए कापर स्मेल्टर प्लांट की स्थापना करने के लिए केन्द्रीय सरकार से अतिरिक्त पूंजीगत निवेश की मांग की है; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो केन्द्रीय सरकार ने इस सम्बंध में क्या निर्णय लिया है और इसका तांबे के आयात पर क्या असर पडने की संभावना है ?

खान मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री बलराम सिंह यादव) : (क) जी, नहीं

(ख) प्रश्न नहीं उठता ।

Productivity of Mining Industry

1915. SHRI MENTAY PADMANABHAM : Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the productivity of the Indian Mining Industry is not high;

(b) if so, what are the reasons for this sluggishness;

(c) whether Government have a comprehensive scheme to increase the productivity of the Mining Industry; and

(d) if so, the details thereof.

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF MINES (SHRI BALARAM SINGH YADAV) : (a) and (b) Per worker productivity tends to be low in Indian Mines mainly due to want of up-to-date technology and equipment and also due to comparatively poorer infrastructural facilities. Similarly, machine wise productivity tends to be generally low on account of inadequate back up services and availability of spares insufficient training etc.

(c) and (d) Increase in the productivity of the mining industry has to be achieved largely by efforts of mine owners to adopt modern techniques of mine planning, better training and improvement of working conditions of mine workers and use of better machineries and equipment, regular maintenance and timely replacements.

खानों का गैर–सरकारीकरण

1916. श्री राम सिंह राठवा : क्या खान मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि देश की कुछ खानें गैर-सरकारी क्षेत्र को सौंप दी गई हैं ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो इन खानों के नाम क्या हैं ;

(ग) इन्हें गैर-सरकारी क्षेत्र को सौंपे जाने के क्या कारण हैं ;

(घ) क्या इन खानों को गैर-सरकारी क्षेत्र को सौंपने से पूर्व संबंधित राज्यों से विचार विमर्श किया गया था; और

(ङ) यदि नहीं, तो इसके क्या कारण थे ?

खान मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री बलराम सिंह यादव) : (क) सरकार का किसी विद्यमान सरकारी क्षेत्र खान का गैर-सरकारीकरण करने का कोई प्रस्ताव नहीं है ।

(ख) से (ङ) प्रश्न नहीं उठता ।

Production and demand of Steel in Developing Countries

1917. SHRI DIPEN GHOSH : Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state what is the output and demand of steel in top ten developing countries and in India during the last three years ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI SANTOSH

MOHAN DEV) : The total production of crude steel in the major ten steel producing developing countries and in India during the last three years is as under :

Name of the Country	Production of crude steel in million tonnes		
	1989	1990	1991
1. China	61.6	66.3	70.4
2. Republic of Korea	21.9	23.1	26.0
3. Brazil	25.1	20.6	22.6
4. Taiwan	9.0	9.7	11.0
5. Mexico	7.9	8.7	7.9
6. Democratic People's Republic of Korea	6.9	7.0	7.0
7. Venezuala	3.2	3.0	3.1
8. Indonesia	2.4	2.9	3.0
9. Argentina	3.9	3.7	3.0
10. Egypt	2.1	2.2	2.6
11. India	14.6	15.0	17.1

Source; Statistical Year Book 1990 and 1991 published by International Iron and Steel Institute, Brussels. No reliable data regarding demand of steel in other countries is available.

Per Capita Consumption of Steel

1918. SHRI DEPEN GHOSH : Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state: what is the average per capita steel consumption in world vis-a-vis India?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI SANTOSH MOHAN DEV) : The apparent average per capita consumption of crude steel in the world in the year 1990 was 148.7 Kg. as compared to 26.2 Kg. in India.*

*Source : Steel Statistical Year Book 1991 published by Iron and Steel Institute, Brussels.

Supply of Iron Ore Pellets

1919. SHRI MOTURU HANUMANTHA RAO' : Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state :

(a) whether there has been any short supply of iron ore pellets during the past three year?:

(b) whether shortage of saleable steel in the country is due to such shortage of pellets".

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) the steps taken by Government in this regard; and

(e) by when the country would achieve sufficiency in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI SANTOSH MOHAN DEV) : (a) and (b) Iron ore pellets are used in the country for production of sponge iron and not steel. There have been no reports of shortage of iron ore pellets for the sponge iron industry.

(c) to (e) Do not arise.

Consumption of Iron Ore Pellets

1920. SHRI SUNIL BASU RAY : Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total consumption of iron ore pellets by steel mills of the country, mill-wise details thereof;

(b) is there any short supply of pellets to steel mills;

(c) if so[1], mill-wise details of such short-fall; and

(d) the steps taken by Government to remove the shortfall ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI SANTOSH MOHAN DEV) : (a) Iron ore pellets are not used in the steel mills in the country. However, they are used by the sponge iron industry for production of sponge iron/hot briquetted iron in gas-based plants. The consumption of pellets in the gas-based plant of M/s. Essar Gujarat